

REMARKS

Claims 3-12 are pending in the application, which is subject to a species restriction. Without admitting to the propriety of the restriction and merely for the purpose of providing a complete reply, Applicant hereby elects Species C, with traverse. Applicant asserts that claims 3-6, 8-10, and 12 read on Species C.

Applicant traverses on the grounds that the species definitions alleged do not recite mutually exclusive characteristics. As such, restriction to defined species that are not mutually exclusive is improper. Applicant requests withdrawal of the restriction and action on the merits in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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